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Ms. Magalie Roman Salas, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth St. S.W.
TW - A325
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: In the Matter of Reallocation of the 216 - 220 MHz Government Transfer Band:
ET Docket No. 00-221

Dear Ms. Salas:

In reference to the Commission's invitation for public comment on the possibility of allowing new, high-power uses of the band 216-220 MHz and the related notion the band 216-217 MHz be auctioned, the Roseville Police Department urges you to preserve those bands for law enforcement's use only.

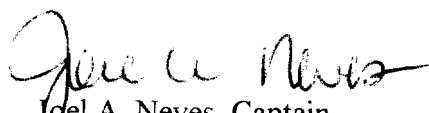
The Roseville Police Department currently uses law enforcement tracking equipment in this frequency band. We have been extremely pleased with the results achieved with this technology.

In particular, use of this equipment has made a dramatic contribution to the apprehension and conviction of criminals and the recovery of stolen property. I can safely say most of these criminals would not have been apprehended without the use of this technology. The savings in time and effort to investigate the crimes committed by these individuals, as well as future crimes they may commit, is considerable. This technology has been successfully used to apprehend violent offenders who would have otherwise been free to prey on innocent citizens. This is truly an effective crime-fighting tool for the Roseville Police Department as well as other police agencies throughout the country.

The Roseville Police Department urges the Commission not allow new, high-power users in the band or an auction of the segment 216-217 MHz. We urge the Commission to preserve the band for interference-free law enforcement communications.

Sincerely,

JOHN A. BARROW
CHIEF OF POLICE


Joel A. Neves, Captain
Operations Commander

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May 23, 2001

Thomas H. Simms
Roseville Police Department
1051 Junction Blvd.
Roseville, CA 95678

Dear Simms:

The Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") has initiated a proposed rulemaking dealing with the radio spectrum from 216 to 220 MHz. This is the frequency band set aside for law enforcement tracking of stolen assets and is the frequency on which your Department's ProNet/Electronic Tracking Systems' ("ETS") equipment operates. The proposed rulemaking would imperil the use of the tracking system, and the FCC wants comments by interested parties.

The critical questions being reviewed by the FCC are whether it should allow new, high-power operations (such as paging) in this same band and whether to conduct auctions for the issuance of licenses for those operations. If finally enacted by the FCC, both actions would be highly destructive to the service provided to your department by ETS equipment and, through it, the service you provide to the community. The ETS equipment operates at very low power levels and would be extremely susceptible to interference from high power users under the proposal by the FCC. In the presence of such interference, your officers could not track and close in on the criminals.

The proposal to auction the frequencies would also be destructive. Police departments may have to compete with private companies for the licenses to the frequencies.

The FCC has invited public comment on this proposal. They very much want and need to hear from law enforcement. We are urgently asking for your support in connection with this. Attached is a form letter we have prepared outlining the basic elements of opposition to the FCC's proposal. This does not obligate you to endorse ETS in any manner, only the retention of the frequencies for law enforcement tracking. The letter should be prepared on your department's letterhead. It can be tailored to your individual situation if you wish.

Comments, in this letter form, are due to the FCC, if at all possible, in two weeks.

We earnestly hope that we can count on your support in this matter. Other cities' police departments and the FBI are also being asked to send such letters.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me; otherwise, please provide me with a copy of your letter when it is forwarded to the FCC.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Dave Wood
President

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